NOT FOR PUBLICATION

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY NEWARK VICINAGE

Clarence E. Scott, Jr., :

Civil Action No. 14-7475 (SRC)

Petitioner,

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v. : ORDER

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Stephen D'Ilio,

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Respondent

CHESLER, United States District Judge

This matter comes before the Court upon Petitioner's motion for default judgment in this habeas proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. (ECF No. 16.) On January 7, 2016, Petitioner sought default judgment against Respondent because Respondent had not filed an answer. However, Respondent electronically filed an Answer to the petition three months earlier, but apparently neglected to mail copies to Petitioner. (ECF Nos. 10, 13.) This Court ordered Respondent to serve a copy of the Answer, brief, and all exhibits on Petitioner, and Respondent has done so. (ECF Nos. 15, 17.) The Court has extended the time in which Petitioner may file a reply to the Answer. (ECF No. 20.)

ORDERED that Petitioner's motion for default judgment (ECF No. 16) is DENIED; and it is further

ORDERED that the Clerk shall serve this Order on Petitioner by regular U.S. mail.

STANLEY R. CHESLER

United States District Judge